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# WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

MEMORIAL SERVICE

HENRY HARDIN CHERRY

NOVEMBER 16, 1864 - AUGUST 1, 1937



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER SIXTEENTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK

# Memorial Service

DEAN F. C. GRISE, *Presiding*

Scripture Reading and Prayer . . . DR. J. G. AKIN  
Pastor, State Street Methodist  
Church

Improperia . . . . . *Palestrina*  
COLLEGE CHORUS

The Inspirer of Youth . . . DR. H. L. DONOVAN  
President, Eastern State  
Teachers College

The Man . . . . . DR. J. L. HARMAN  
President, Bowling Green  
Business University

Bless the Lord . . . . . *Ippolitov-Ivanov*  
VOCAL ENSEMBLE

"That Other Thing" . . . . MR. J. R. ALEXANDER  
Professor of Mathematics,  
Western State Teachers Col-  
lege

The Practical Philosopher . . DR. A. M. STICKLES  
Head, Department of History,  
Western State Teachers Col-  
lege.

A Stronghold Sure, Our God is He . . . . . *Bach*  
COLLEGE CHORUS

## UNVEILING OF STATUE

MR. J. R. WHITMER, *Presiding*

America . . . . .  
BRASS CHOIR

The Story of the Statue . . . MR. J. R. WHITMER  
Professor of Biology, Western  
State Teachers College.

Unveiling of the Statue . . . .  
JOSEPHINE CHERRY LOWMAN, ELIZABETH CHERRY SIMS,  
HENRY HARDIN CHERRY, JR.

Chimes—My Faith Looks Up To Thee . . . . . *Palmer*  
MR. FRANZ J. STRAHM, Professor of Music,  
Western State Teachers  
College

College Heights . . . . . *Bradley*  
COLLEGE CHORUS

Benediction . . . . . DR. R. T. SKINNER  
Pastor, First Baptist Church



## BIOGRAPHY

Henry Hardin Cherry was born November 16, 1864, nine miles north of Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky. Violence was abroad in the land. It was on that day that Sherman, leading 60,000 men, started on his terrible march from Atlanta to the sea. Before the child was a month old those prodigalities in blood, the battles of Franklin and Nashville, had been enacted. This natal accompaniment of struggle was in great part fitly symbolic. He lived almost seventy-three years, and never knew any peace. He was a fighter. Always one fight more.

He was the seventh of nine strong sons. After he was six he went to school about two months yearly. On January 22, 1885, he walked to Bowling Green through eight inches of snow and entered the Southern Normal School. Except for a brief interval his life was spent in the institution from that day on. In 1891 he was made an instructor, in 1892 president. The school then had twenty-eight students. Under his dynamic leadership, the enrollment rose rapidly. In November, 1899, the building burned. This crisis was the first major test of the stuff of which he was made. Not a recitation was missed, and within a year a new building was ready. The fine vitality of the school was recognized in 1906 when the legislature by official act transformed the Southern Normal School into the Western Kentucky State Normal School. Sixteen years later, by the same authority, the institution was given full college rating. In 1928 the college was authorized to offer graduate courses and degrees. In 1933 and 1934 the college was the largest of its kind in the nation. Henry Hardin Cherry was that kind of builder. He was for forty-five years an active member of the Kentucky Education Association, twice its president, for twenty years a director. He conceived the idea of the Farmers Chautauqua, and served as the chairman of the State Speakers Committee during the war. He was the author of two books, *Our Civic Image* and *Our Governments and Education, the Basis of Democracy*. He was married on April 11, 1896, to Bessie Fayne, and they are the parents of three children, Josephine, Elizabeth, and Hardin, Jr.

Henry Hardin Cherry died August 1, 1937—died after three score and twelve years packed with achievement, but too soon. So much work yet to do, so many battles to be waged. The thunder of battle never faded from his ears, and they grew tired from the din. He never dropped back and marched with the rank and file, but always ahead, searching out the land, blazing trails. And his life too often was lonely and hard, as the life of a frontiersman always must be. But he set into motion great deeds whose influence shall continue through the years, creative deeds whose end is the human brotherhood he envisioned.